

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 19:

The tilting steering column apparatus is equipped with a steering column 2 that supports the steering shaft 1 along its axis by means of bearings ~~(not shown)~~ and a clamp mechanism 3 attached to an expanded portion 13 of the steering column 2, which will be described in detail later. The clamp mechanism 3 comprises a tilt bracket 4, a tilt bolt 5, a nut 6, a tilt lever 8 and paired fixed and movable cams 9 and 10. The steering column 2 is set at the center of the tilt bracket 4 that is fixed to the vehicle body.

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 7:

Letting D be the diameter of the steering column, although in the illustrated example (shown in Figs. ~~2A to 2C~~ 3A and 3B) the condition $S2 \neq D$ is met, this condition is not essential, but the apparatus may satisfy the condition $S2 \neq D$.

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 7:

In connection with the above, ~~S3 and S4~~ the flat portion 22 and the flat portion 23 are connected by a slope, namely they are on the same plane.